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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF FRANKLIN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 6, 1862.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, March 5, 1861,.	\$81 00
Outstanding taxes for 1857,.....	15 15
“ “ 1858,.....	22 46
“ “ 1859,.....	194 13
“ “ 1860,.....	351 96
State, county, town, school and school house tax,....	5064 68
Non-resident tax,.....	210 98
Received Literary Fund,.....	126 30
“ Railroad tax,.....	499 00
“ County of Merrimack, for paupers,	210 50
“ of the Town of Warner,.....	8 14
“ for use of Town Hall,.....	11 50
“ of liquor Agent,.....	12 00
“ of Mitchel Gilmore, for soldiers,.....	500 00
“ of E. A. Sweatt, for soldiers,.....	400 00
“ from Town Farm,.....	15 00
	\$7722 80

Which is accounted for as follows :

Outstanding Claims.

Paid White & Richardson,.....	\$2 33
Luther M. Knight, services,.....	20 00
S. B. Kelley, services,.....	20 00
William F. Thompson,.....	2 08
Hiram Fifield,.....	1 12
Isaiah Johnson,.....	1 00
John S. Jewell,.....	4 00
Wm. P. Kelley, engine man.....	25
E. B. Colby, for plank,.....	16 48
B. C. Stephens, breaking roads,.....	1 76
John S. Jewell, for plank,.....	5 16
Wm. Twombly, on account of small pox,.....	30 00

Paid Nelson W. Morse,	\$5 00
Herrick Aiken, work on road,	25 00
E. G. Wallace, breaking road,	11 38
David Clark, breaking road,	9 44
A. J. Hunt, damage,	4 00
Wm. Huntoon, damage, &c.,	18 50
Charles C. Cross, for road,	6 00
Charles H. Clark, for breaking road,	5 80
George G. Wardsworth, for breaking road,	2 63
M. M. Burbank, outstanding school money, Dis- trict No. 3,	106 00
P. B. Cogswell, printing reports 1861,	14 00
Titus H. Wardsworth, breaking roads,	2 95
Joseph Hill, damage on sleigh,	12 50
Time and expense to Concord with reports,	1 50
John S. Jewell, for Geo. Hall,	4 00
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	\$332 88

Town Expenses.

Paid Morrill & Silsby, for book,	\$2 75
B. W. Sanborn,	1 43
J. H. Cilley, work on Town Hall,	5 00
Tho. D. Little, running town line,	75
Frank C. Wardsworth, Town Clerk,	8 80
Pike & Barnard,	17 75
B. M. Prescott, care of fire engine,	5 00
B. W. Sanborn,	1 90
Wm. T. Savage, Supt. School Committee,	26 25
A. A. Smith, Supt. School Committee,	21 00
Ira Greeley,	3 00
O. B. Davis, board of Selectmen and horses, ...	12 25
O. B. Davis, collecting taxes 1860,	4 12
J. F. Daniell & Son, for books,	1 33
Engine men,	61 50
P. B. Cogswell, printing check list,	6 00
S. E. Bickford, services as Town Clerk,	6 09
Jasper H. Cilley, care of Town Hall and Town clock,	16 69
Interest to Citizen's Bank,	12 22
O. B. Davis, collecting taxes 1861,	57 10
Stephen Gerrish, services as Selectman,	51 00
Wallace Burleigh, " " " " " " " " " " " "	41 00
John W. Sweatt, " " " " " " " " " " " "	36 00

Paid Time and expense of Com. on soldier's families,.	\$15 00
Stephen Gerrish, Treasurer,.....	15 00
Time and expense to Concord with R. R. returns,	2 50
Boscawen on acc't of pauper,	2 50
Loudon, " "	3 00
Hill, " "	2 00
Hill, " "	2 00
Expense to Hill, on account of pauper,.....	75
Time and expense to North Sanbornton on account of pauper,.....	2 50
Time and expense to Northfield, on account of pauper,.....	1 25
Time and expense to Canterbury on Shaw case,.	6 00
Time and expense to Concord for county pauper,	4 50
Taking affidavits of county paupers,.....	1 50
Time and expense after Railroad money,.....	2 50
Time and expense after Literary Fund,.....	2 50
John W. Sweatt, for board of Selectmen and horses,	16 00
Expense taking inventory,	5 00
Auditor,.....	1 00
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	\$493 43

Roads and Bridges.

Paid White & Richardson, oil for Federal bridge,...	\$1 97
Abel Morrill, work on road,.....	3 61
Nelson M. Morse, work on bridge,.....	3 00
Rand & Osgood, repairs on Sanborn bridge,....	325 00
D. Gilchrist & Co., lanterns and oil for Federal bridge,.....	12 49
Joseph Smith, for bridge plank,.....	15 00
Harrison Hancock, stone for causeway,.....	12 00
Samuel Haynes, work on road,.....	4 00
Simeon K. Brown, work on bridge,	1 25
John H. Rowell, lanterns for bridge,.....	1 14
Albert G. Morrison, for bridge plank,.....	12 43
A. D. Frost, breaking roads,.....	1 25
Benj. S. Hancock, for timber,.....	14 49
Hiram Fifield, lighting Federal bridge,.....	15 00
John N. Sweatt, oil for Federal bridge,.....	3 59
Rand & Osgood, moving strings, &c., on Sanborn bridge,.....	7 50
John G. Carleton, for clasps on Sanborn bridge,.	6 78

Paid John, Collins, work on roads,.....	\$2 70
Elmer French, breaking roads,.....	3 28
Joseph Sweatt, work on roads,.....	4 50
Sargent Bennett, breaking roads,.....	2 88
Nehemiah Wright, work on roads,.....	3 25
David S. Bachelder, work on bridge,.....	1 50
E. B. Colby, for bridge plank,.....	114 79
Hazen H. Call, breaking roads,.....	13 04
Francis Shaw, breaking roads,.....	17 17
Francis Shaw, bridge plank,.....	3 84
Samuel Hosley, breaking roads,.....	2 60
Wm. W. Hancock, work on roads,.....	3 00
Wm. S. Norton, work on roads,.....	4 00
Vincent M. Sanborn, breaking roads,.....	6 03
Reuben E. Beckman, work on roads,.....	2 50
Rand & Osgood, removing stone from the chan- nel of the river,.....	7 00
Jacob D. Sanborn, breaking roads,.....	14 30
John Lewis, work on roads,.....	5 00
Stephen Gerrish, on Sanborn bridge,.....	12 00
Stephen Gerrish, breaking roads,.....	3 00
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	\$667 31

External Poor.

Paid D. Gilchrist & Co., for Nath'l Bean,.....	\$2 31
George A. Calef, for board of Alfred F. Calef,..	10 00
D. H. Clement, for board of Anna Sanborn,...	37 25
City of Manchester for Mrs. Morrill and Mrs. Brown,.....	7 00
John W. Sweatt, for Peter Bresette and J. B. Clay,	5 43
Huse & Blake, for Ash family,.....	12 52
White & Richardson, for Mrs. Caleb Brown,...	3 78
White & Richardson, for Noah Flanders,.....	8 14
John H. Rowell, for Nath'l Bean,.....	1 50
John Pettengill, for board of Taylor child,.....	5 00
Stephen Gerrish, for Alfred F. Calef,	3 00
John W. Sweatt,.....	5 34
Stephen Gerrish, for Wm. Clark and Mrs. Ken- ney,	3 87
Lewis Lord,.....	3 88
J. F. Daniel & Son, for Mrs. C. Brown,.....	11 50
Leonard Gerrish, for John Ash,.....	6 05

Paid H. W. Brockway, for Alfred Calef,.....	\$1 00
D. Gilchrist & Co., for Daniel Huntoon,.....	3 24
John W. Sweatt, for Daniel Huntoon,.....	1 02
J. H. Cilley, for Daniel Huntoon,.....	4 00
J. F. Daniel & Son, for Hannah Brown,.....	4 00
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	\$139 84

County Paupers.

Paid James Danforth, for board of Susan Austin,....	\$10 62
Luther M. Knight, for Ash family,.....	8 50
Eben. Fellows, for board of Sallie Gove,.....	52 00
S. B. Kelley, for Susan Austin,.....	15 00
S. B. Kelley, for Sophia Cogswell,.....	7 25
White & Richardson, for Betsey Ash,.....	6 38
D. Gilchrist & Co., " "	4 38
Geo. G. Wardsworth, " "	4 82
Geo. E. Spencer, " "	33 50
N. H. Sanborn, " "	8 11
J. F. Daniell & Son, " "	10 00
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	\$160 56

State, County and School House Tax.

Paid State tax,.....	\$392 70
County tax,.....	1088 06
School house tax in Dist. No. 10,.....	100 00
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	\$1880 76

School Tax for 1861.

Paid District No. 1,.....	\$169 82
2,.....	99 77
3,.....	485 33
4,.....	82 75
5,.....	110 53
6,.....	69 44
7,.....	22 14
8,.....	71 02
9,.....	71 58
10,.....	390 92
11,.....	63 67
12,.....	37 05
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	\$1673 82

Poor Farm.

Paid D. Gilchrist & Co.,	\$15 76
S. W. Stone & Co., for robes for Mrs. Brown and Polly Quimby,	3 99
Wm. F. Thompson, sawing shingle,	3 57
Lester Collins, for hay,	30 00
John Shaw,	1 60
John S. Peveire, for Jackson family,	12 00
E. R. Heath, for pants for John P. Clark,	4 00
Insurance assessment,	4 05
John Peveire, digging grave,	2 00
John W. Sweatt,	1 60
White & Richardson,	13 54
C. & E. C. Stone,	59
Hiram Fifield, work on harness,	75
Wm. Cross, 2d, digging grave for Polly Quimby,	1 25
John G. Carleton, blacksmith work,	5 81
John H. Rowell,	18 28
E. B. Colby, saw bill,	3 52
O. B. Davis, for 3 pigs,	7 50
Wm. W. Hancock, coffin for Jackson child,	3 50
J. H. Cilley, coffin for Polly Quimby,	4 00
Davis & Bean,	71 52
John S. Peveire, Overseer Poor Farm,	213 00
John S. Peveire, pasturing sheep,	7 00
Harvey N. Ingalls, for work,	10 00
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	\$438 83

Statement of Poor Farm, 1861-2.

Inventory for 1861,	\$1069 25
Sundry bills, including Warden's salary, ..	438 83
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	\$1507 08
Inventory for 1862,	\$1050 16
Received for board of county paupers,	62 00
Received for difference between oxen,	15 00
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	\$1127 16
Expenses of the Poor Farm,	<hr/>
	\$379 92
Abatement of taxes, 1859,	\$64 35
" " 1860,	21 99
" " 1861,	62 79
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	\$149 13

Outstanding taxes for 1857,	\$15 15
" " 1858,	9 93
" " 1859,	88 36
" " 1860,	644 18
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	\$757 62

Non-resident highway receipts,\$30 63

Incidental Expenses.

Paid A. K. Moore, damage on horse and chaise,	\$135 84
Referees on Shaw case,	8 75
L. M. Knight, witness in Shaw case, ..	50
Charles Martin, witness on Shaw case, ..	50
B. F. Barnard, damage on wagon,	15 00
A. K. Moore,	5 00
Jonathan P. Sanborn,	13 89
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	\$179 48

Outstanding Notes.

Noah M. Proctor,	\$317 08
Noah M. Proctor,	1266 50
Noah M. Proctor,	1075 00
Abigail B. Walker,	1200 00
H. P. Eaton,	400 00
Mitchel Gilmore,	500 00
E. A. Sweatt,	400 00
Polly M. Eaton,	364 63
Pike & Barnard,	250 00
Interest estimated,	462 34
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	\$6235 55

Soldiers and Soldier's Families.

Paid Daniel Barnard, by order of the town,	\$49 47
Geo. L. Sanborn,	26 00
Geo. E. Buel,	38 00
Charles H. Sanborn,	15 00
Charles F. Buel,	15 00
Daniel Kidder,	15 00
Mrs. E. N. Brown,	16 00
Mrs. Louisa Blake,	85 39
Mrs. Sarah Breed,	8 00
Mrs. Hannah Bruce,	48 20

Paid Mrs. Milo Whitney,.....	\$32 00
Mrs. John H. Hunt,.....	48 00
Mrs. Almira Rowe,.....	48 00
Mrs. Dudley Colby,.....	47 00
Mrs. Benair Colby,.....	20 00
Mrs. Nellie Ingalls,	20 00
Mrs. Frank C. Wadsworth,.....	20 00
Mrs. Moses Ash,.....	78 68
Augustus Sanborn,	15 00
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	\$644 74

RECAPITULATION.

The amount received of the Treasurer,.....\$7722 80

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid outstanding claims,.....	\$332 88
Town expenses,.....	493 43
Roads and bridges,.....	667 31
External poor,.....	139 84
County paupers,.....	160 56
State tax,.....	392 70
County tax,	1088 06
School house tax, District No. 10,....	100 00
School tax,.....	1673 82
Poor Farm,	438 83
Abatement of taxes, 1859,.....	64 35
“ “ 1860,	21 99
“ “ 1861,.....	62 79
Outstanding taxes for 1857,.....	15 15
“ “ 1858,.....	9 93
“ “ 1859,.....	88 36
“ “ 1861,.....	644 18
Non-resident highway receipts,.....	30 63
Incidental expense,	179 48
Soldiers and soldier's families,.....	644 74
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	\$7249 03
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,.....	\$473 77

Note against H. N. Ingalls and J. S. Peveire, Feb.

15, 1862,.....	\$680 00
Due from the town of Andover,	4 00
Due for support of pauper,	8 26

Funds in the Town Treasury,.....\$1166 03

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN GERRISH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
WALLACE BURLEIGH,	
JOHN W. SWEATT,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Franklin.</i>

The Auditor of Accounts for the year ending March 6, 1862, for the town of Franklin, has carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. ROWELL, *Auditor.*

Liquor Agency.

The amount of liquor on hand, June 11, 1861,	\$97 00
Received for sales of liquor,.....	354 17
	<u>\$451 17</u>
Paid for liquor, including sundry bills,....	\$394 17
Agent's salary,.....	45 00
	<u>\$439 17</u>
Profits for the town,.....	\$12 00

Inmates of Alms House, and ages, March 5, 1862.

John P. Clark,.....65	Jane Morrill,23
Sally Clark,.....66	Hannah Whicher,47
Betsy Danforth,.....76	Rosina Sanborn,.....47

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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Franklin submit their Report for the year ending March, 1862 :—

The sum raised by town tax for the support of schools for the year was \$1400. The appropriation from the Literary Fund was \$136.35 ; and that made from the Railroad tax was \$109.37 ; amounting in all to \$1645.72. In addition to this, District No. 3 has expended the sum of \$100, (from funds not expended in the past,) to increase the High School privileges of its scholars, and \$152.26 have been paid by citizens of other districts for tuition, in the Academy. A large sum also has been paid for the education of our children, in Schools and Colleges abroad.

The whole number of scholars, of four years of age and upwards, who have attended the public schools for two weeks or more is 441 ; 218 males and 223 females. The aggregate average attendance was 274.

Mr. Smith has had special supervision of the schools in Districts No. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 ; and Mr. Savage in Districts No. 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12. The schools in District No. 3, for a part of the year, and those in No. 10, for the entire year, have been in charge of Committees appointed by those Districts respectively ; and the returns from them will be found incorporated, in their appropriate places, in this Report. The following is a detailed account of the schools :—

DISTRICT NO. 1. *Summer Term* of 13 weeks was taught by Miss MARTHA J. FIFIELD. Whole number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 22. At the beginning of the school, there was manifest on the part of the teacher a desire to do her work with fidelity ; at the close, it was apparent she still maintained that desire, in the face of all discouragements. The result was visible in the progress and quiet behavior of the schools. The Report shows a large amount (89) of tardiness, and a large number (100) of dismissals. This accounts for the most prominent defect observed in the school, at its close, viz : want of uniformity in ad-

vancement. The school was well classified at the beginning ; but at the close, many scholars were found to have made little progress in these classes, and as a result others were somewhat hindered. No skill in the teacher can ever make up for such destructive habits, in which scholars are sometimes indulged by their parents.

Winter Term, of 12 weeks, was taught by Mr. CARLOS ALLEN. Whole number of scholars, 30 ; average attendance, 24. This school seemed to the committee, remarkable for the quiet, good order, and respectful behavior. But two other conditions are necessary, to have a profitable school. One is that the teacher have the ability to direct the pupil what to do, and the other is that the pupil be punctual and constant at school. The former of these conditions, the district was so fortunate as to find fully met by their teacher. It is a pity to say that the latter was not met by the patrons, as it should have been. This was the principal hindrance to the complete success of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 2. *Summer Term*, Miss MARY S. SHAW, Teacher. Length of school, 10 1-2 weeks ; whole number of pupils, 16 ; average attendance, 13. The teacher reports this as a "quiet and pleasant term," and this your Committee could endorse. Much attention was paid to reading and spelling, and in this at least the school showed a marked progress.

Winter Term, of 14 weeks, was taught by Mrs. JULIA A. SHAW. Number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 24. Mrs. Shaw, having taught in this school several terms before, all seemed much at home, and ready to find their place and keep it. She says, "I have spared no pains either in or out of the school to secure the good of the scholars," and the truth of this remark was apparent to your Committee ; nor do we think this case an exception to the rule that faithfulness meets its reward. She also reports what it is gratifying to notice here, an interest on the part of the parents.

DISTRICT NO. 3. *Intermediate Department*. Summer Term was taught by Miss ELLEN M. MORRISON. Length of school, 13 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 39 ; average attendance, 28. The teacher was untiring in her efforts to make this school a profitable one. But she seemed to find it difficult to impress, in a suitable degree, upon the minds of the scholars, the nature and importance of their share of the duties necessary to a pleasant and entirely successful school.

Primary Department. Summer Term was taught by Miss HARRIETTE A. PIKE. Length of schools, 13 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 47 ; average attendance, 31. Few of the scholars were old enough to interest themselves in anything that would be consistent with the order of the school room ; but Miss Pike evinced a faculty of avoiding confusion, on the one hand, or a

wearisome and unhealthy restraint, on the other. Meantime she was happily able to lead the young minds pleasantly, as well as carefully, on the road of acquirement.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE, DISTRICT NO. 3.

The undersigned, having received appointment, on the 30th July 1861, as Superintending School Committee of District No. 3, entered at once on the discharge of their duties. The schools of the District were divided into three grades, consisting of the Primary, Intermediate and High Schools.

THE HIGH SCHOOL. By an arrangement with the Trustees of the Academy, this school has been kept in the Academy building, and is managed on a plan, which, while it does not at all interfere with the objects or interests of that institution, will doubtless prove an aid and assistance to both Academy and High School. Two terms, of twelve weeks each, have been kept under the direction of Mr. A. A. SMITH. The whole number of scholars from the District has been 33, with an average attendance of 24. The school has commenced well. It will take some little time, of course, to secure the right distribution of scholars, and the proper arrangement of classes and studies; and experience will be necessary to suggest and justify all the regulations on which the efficiency of such a school depends. We have great confidence in the ability and professional devotion of Mr. Smith, and in the willingness of parents and scholars to coöperate in whatever arrangements are necessary to make this a superior school, and an honor to the town. It will prove itself, we cannot doubt, an important agency in developing the minds and character of the children of the District; and, in the judgment of the Committee, it is highly desirable that its equal privileges should be extended to all the districts of the town.

THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL was kept by Mr. GALEN ALLEN. The length of the school was 12 weeks, and the number of scholars 38, with an average attendance of 28. Mr. Allen remarks:—"The scholars who have been punctual and constant in their attendance at school, have been successful in their studies. I am happy to state that there were *two* out of the thirty-eight who were not absent one half day. Abbie J. Page and Clara F. White are the ones to whom much praise is due for being at school all the days, and half days of the term." "*This is doing well,*" adds the teacher. The Committee accord with these encomiums, and yet feel much regret at seeing 106 tardinesses reported against the school. Mr. Allen acquitted himself as an able and faithful teacher.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, of 12 weeks, was under charge of Miss PIKE, who had taught it, during the Summer term. The whole attendance was 45, with an average of 36. The teacher reports that "there has been a decided improvement in the school, since last term; owing to the greater degree of interest in the progress of the scholars, manifested by parents and others in the district. Greater efforts have evidently been made to insure punctuality in attendance, and to awaken an interest in the branches of study pursued. During the first two terms taught by me in this school, scarcely a recitation passed with every member of the class present. This evil is not entirely remedied, but a beginning has been made. It is impossible for the teacher, unaided by home influences, to arouse a love for school, or desire for improvement, in the minds of the pupils. This aid the teacher has received to a greater extent than formerly." These statements we commend to the attention of the parents of the District. There are only *two* scholars who have not been absent one half day, while we find report of 194 instances of tardiness. The internal management of the school has been excellent.

The Committee will only add, that it is obvious these schools lose far too much of their effective influences for good from the *absence and tardiness of scholars*; and, while we anticipate that the High School will exert a stimulating influence on the scholars in the Intermediate and Primary grades, it is highly important that there be increased care and effort among parents at home to encourage a regular and punctual attendance on the part of all the children.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SAVAGE,
DAVID GILCHRIST,
AUSTIN F. PIKE,
JOHN H. ROWELL,
NOAH M. PROCTOR.

DISTRICT No. 4. *Summer and Winter Terms*, each of 11 weeks; taught by Miss SARAH E. ELLIOTT. Number of scholars in Summer, 10; average attendance, 7; in Winter, whole number, 12; average attendance, 9. This was the first trial of the teacher's skill in this calling, and as an omen of the future, was decidedly flattering. The school was small and quiet, but every one seemed to have something to do, and a disposition to do it. The teacher succeeded in securing patient and persevering attention to one subject. This is a very difficult thing, in the haste that commonly possesses scholars, to leave first principles before they are mastered. Such a school for a series of years, each school starting with the pupils, where the last left them, would secure invaluable bene-

fits to the pupils and patrons. She says, "all the scholars exhibited a desire to do well and a readiness to obey, which could not fail to win their teacher's love."

DISTRICT NO. 5. *Summer Term* of 10 weeks, and *Winter Term* of 16 weeks, both taught by Miss AMANDA M. INGALLS. Number of scholars in Summer, 12; average attendance, 10 1-2. In Winter, whole number, 20; average attendance, 16 1-2. Your Committee was much pleased with this school, both in Summer and in Winter. The quiet, respectful behaviour of the pupils, their attention to their studies, and uniform progress were ample testimonials of skill in giving instruction, and docility in acquiring it. Unfortunately the last visit to the Winter school was on a very stormy day, and but few were present; but the number of classes represented, and the size of the class rolls, showed that all had work enough on hand to occupy their time. Intellectual Arithmetic seems here to have been put to the test which shows its superior power in giving intellectual discipline and valuable knowledge.

How much the marked success of the schools in Nos. 4 and 5, for this year, may have been aided by the employment of the same instructors consecutive terms, it is difficult to state. But it is safe to state that no little gain will be secured by such a course where it can be followed. With even ordinary teachers, if the schools can be kept along from term to term, doing their work thoroughly as far as they go, and beginning each term where they left off the last, it would be vastly better than to break up the classes, and begin studies each term where it may chance, and leave off in the same indefinite way. To be sure, a better teacher might be secured occasionally, and so would a poorer one, and on the whole the average must be ordinary. Employers of mechanics do not think it advisable to change master workmen often on the same job; for this leaves no one in particular responsible for the completed work. Every business man knows that to pass a job through the hands of several, so that each can escape the responsibility of the little part he has had to do with it, is to ruin his undertaking. But commit the work to a single man, who must abide the results, and he will do his best,—will prepare himself to meet every obstacle, and remedy every defect. Why not apply the same wisdom to that most difficult of all work, the development of the human mind?

DISTRICT NO. 6. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss VINA A. COLLINS, and continued 8 weeks. The number of scholars was 8, with an average attendance of 5 1-2. The school was well and faithfully managed by a competent teacher, and was undoubtedly profitable to the scholars.

The *Winter Term*, under the charge of Miss ELIZA H. MERRILL, was of 10 1-2 weeks length; whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8. The teacher was accurate and faithful, and was rewarded with entire success.

DISTRICT NO. 7. This school of 5 weeks, now in progress, is kept by Mr. JOSEPH CALL. He has not been examined, as required by law, in reference to his qualifications, and consequently is liable to forfeit his wages. Information regarding this school has been obtained only at the latest hour before closing this Report. It has but 3 scholars, and has an average attendance of 2.

DISTRICT NO. 8. *Summer Term* of 8 weeks, taught by Miss JULIETT E. ROBINSON. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9. This school promised well at its opening. Not being notified of the time of closing, I failed to make a second visit.

Winter Term, of 10 weeks, was taught by Miss EDNA A. BEAN, Whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16. The school seemed attentive, and appeared to have made fair advancement in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 9. The *Summer and Winter Terms* were kept by Miss MORGIA N. FOWLER; length of the former, 10 weeks; of the latter, 13 weeks. The number of scholars, in Summer, was 16, with an average attendance of 12; in Winter, 16, with an average attendance of 14. The teacher appears to have exerted herself assiduously to govern and instruct the pupils entrusted to her care, and faithfully to perform her duty; but, on the occasions of the Committee's visits, there was apparent an air of general restlessness, and in some instances there was exhibited a mode of speech, and a deportment, highly unbecoming; showing that the true ideal of the school was far from being realized. With some good accomplished in this school, it is feared there was much loss.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT NO. 10, IN FRANKLIN.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. The *Summer Term*, of 16 weeks, also the *Winter Term*, of 12 weeks, were taught by Miss FRANCES E. WOODFORD. The Committee are highly pleased with the success which has attended her labors in the management of this school. An unusual interest has been kept up during the entire period of both terms, and the improvement of the pupils has been constant and marked. Whole number of scholars, for Summer term, 57;

average attendance, 45 1-2. Winter term, whole number of scholars, 51 ; average attendance, 40.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT. The *Summer Term* was taught by Miss MARTHA R. GOODWIN. Length of term, 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 42 ; average attendance, 31. The school was well taught and a commendable advancement made.

The *Winter Term* was taught by Mr. JOSEPH G. AYERS. Length of term, 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 45 ; average attendance, 37. This school, under the instruction of Mr. Ayers, has been highly successful, creditable alike to teacher and scholars.

The Committee respectfully urge a more earnest coöperation of the parents, in procuring the punctual attendance of their children, and would recommend a system of deportment cards, to be filled by the teachers, so that all absences, tardiness, and general deportment may be reported to the parents, as often as once in two weeks.

CHARLES GARLAND,	} <i>Supt. School</i>
A. B. CLOSSON,	
N. H. SANBORN,	

Franklin, March 1, 1862.

DISTRICT No. 11. The *Summer and Winter Terms* were kept by Miss MITTIE C. CLOUGH ; the length of each being 8 weeks. The number of scholars, in Summer, was 16, with an average attendance of 11 ; in Winter, 15, with an average of 10 1-2. This school was well governed, accurately taught, and in all respects profitable to the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 12. The larger part of this District is in North-field. The *Summer and Winter Terms* of this school were kept by Miss EMMA M. GILE, the former continuing 10 weeks, and the latter, 12. Two scholars only have been in attendance from Franklin. The Committee withhold remarks upon this teacher and this school.

Punctual and constant attendance on school duties, is a matter of vital importance, if we would derive the full benefit of our school expenditures. People whose youth was spent in those earlier times, when beside reading, spelling and penmanship, there were at most not more than three text books known in our schools, are slow to realize the change that has taken place. Then, not more than eight or ten, in a school of sixty, did more than read

and spell. Now we have five branches of study authorized by law, and no less than nine text books, besides reading and spelling books, in our common schools. These are adapted to all grades of scholars, so that as soon as a child has learned to read sentences, he begins one or more of these studies. A teacher is not now occupied with hearing half a dozen classes read and spell, each day, and *showing* a few in Arithmetic, and a class possibly in Geography or Grammar. There is, in nearly every school, an inclination to multiply classes so as to divide the teacher's time into fragments so small as to be worthless to each class. Hence the necessity for classification, and, where there are classes, they must keep together. In olden time, each scholar studied by himself, not reciting in a class; and, if he was absent a day, he simply lost so much time, and perhaps lessened his interest in his studies somewhat. In a school of these times, a scholar finds himself in classes. Suppose there be a class of ten scholars: when one is absent the rest go on; the absentee comes in after the class have passed five or six lessons. What shall be done? These lessons he has lost, and in the connections of the subject he cannot advance without them. To make them up is impossible; for, in a good school, each day's lessons are as much as can be well done in that day. If the class wait for him, then great injustice is done the school; for the nine must wait till the delinquent overtakes them, thus taking from the school ten times the amount of the first absence. We can scarcely find language to express our indignation at the frauds practiced by contractors to supply government stores for the army and navy; but we little think that the parent or guardian who allows his child to be absent, or unfitted for a single school duty, is to that extent robbing the District school, not only of money, but also of its interest and success in attaining what is of vastly more worth than money.

A man who should employ workmen on a business where each man's work depended on the fact that every other kept along at a steady and uniform rate, would reckon the absence of one, not as the loss only of one day's labor, but would multiply this one day by the number of other workmen hindered by one's absence; and, in most kinds of work, would multiply this product by still another and often larger factor; namely, the amount of injury beside that of mere delay. Nor would such an employer be satisfied with the plea on the part of any, that they were not behind another,

who, perchance was the poorest workman of the gang, for so all would virtually be striving to be poorest. Precisely so in school ; the loss a scholar sustains from his absences, even though he thereby lose the remainder of the school himself, is but a small item of the whole loss to the District.

No pupil can be truly said to be committed to the care of a teacher, unless the teacher is given the entire and uninterrupted control of so much of the pupil's time as is necessary, and his whole energies.

The scholar, or the parent for him, enters into a contract with the teacher, to furnish his time and strength ; and the teacher contracts to return a reasonable degree of improvement.

If there is to be any absence of the pupil, it is the teacher's right to be consulted, and dictate as to whether it can be done with safety to the school. And this means more than being simply *notified* that the scholar has been or will be absent.

Judging from the returns made by the teachers, and the observations of your Committee, there is a damage actually done to the schools of this town by this one cause, that exceeds all other hindrances to their success.

Sickness in school can only be deplored as a public calamity ; but failures to perform school duties, from mere pleasure or disinclination, can only be regarded as a careless, but no less wanton destruction of the public good.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SAVAGE,	} Supt. School
A. A. SMITH,	
	} Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	No Scholars in each Dist.	Apportionment to each Dist.	Proportion to each Scholar.	Whole amount of School Money for the year.
1	39	\$169 82	\$4 35	
2	31	99 77	3 22	
3	137	485 33	3 54	
4	13	82 75	6 36	
5	23	110 53	4 80	Raised by the Town, . \$1400 00
6	14	69 44	4 96	Literary Fund, . . . 133 35
7	3	22 14	7 38	Railroad tax appropri- ated to schools, . . . 109 37
8	20	71 02	3 55	
9	17	71 53	4 21	
10	121	390 72	3 23	
11	21	63 67	3 03	
12	2	37 05	18 52	
	441	\$1673 82	3 80	\$1645 72

LIST OF BOOKS AUTHORIZED TO BE USED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF FRANKLIN.—For Reading, Town & Holbrook's Progressive Series; Spelling, Town's Progressive Speller; Arithmetic, Greenleaf's Series; Geography, Mitchell's Primary and Smith's Geography and Atlas. Grammar, Weld & Quackenbos'; Parsing Book. History, Goodrich's History of the United States; Physiology, Cutter's; Algebra, Robinson's New Elementary; Geometry, Greenleaf's.



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